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Know anybody that is in sickness or distress? In need of our aid or sympathy?



Call or email Charlotte Burrell

The minutes of the July meeting appear on our website www.NewYorkCentrals.com Look in the Members Only section. – ed.

Hickories Campout (July Rally)

We arrived on Thursday to start setting up, and were soon followed in by the Gingrichs, Shaws, and the Arthurs. When a cloudy Friday morning arose, Jim and I were hopeful that the sun would come out and warm things up but unfortunately, it seemed to set the tone for the weekend.

Our Co-Hosts, Cathy & Jerri Van Mater, and the rest of our campers, the Dalys, Kimlers, Williams, and Hallagans arrived periodically throughout the day Friday, with a couple exceptions. Rich and Char Burrell had to cancel due to the passing of his mom, Dave and Evelyn Blovat cancelled due to mechanical problems, and Ken and Jean Gibson who were on their way in, broke down a few miles out and could not make it in to the park. The evening wine and cheese get together was nice, and we all decided to check out some of the local restaurants for dinner.

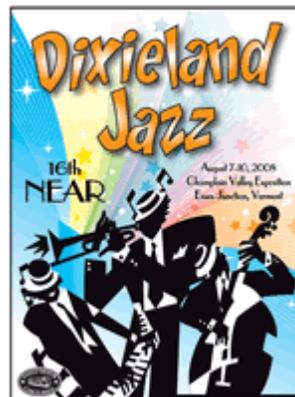
After a heavy rain Friday night, Saturday morning's dense fog did not seem like it was going to go away anytime soon, but by the time coffee and muffins were passed out, the sun was coming out and starting to warm up. Those who wanted to go into town took the busses provided by park for the Strawberry festival where there was plenty of crafts, food and entertainment, or went to the air show a few miles away.

Dinner on Saturday was a pot luck where we provided a baked ham, and everyone brought delicious dishes to pass, as well as several yummy desserts (let's hear it for cheesecake!!), and because the Gibsons didn't live far away, they brought a dish to pass and stayed for dinner too! We had some wonderful door prizes to give away, and everyone walked away a winner, including our grand prize winner – Missy & Dude Daly (owners of Don & Diane Daly) who won a \$50 Target Gift Card! An early evening campfire had everyone bringing their chairs out to sit and talk and laugh, before the rain came in again.

Sunday morning was again misty and damp but with the hot coffee and muffins, no one seemed to mind too much. Then it was time to pack up and get started home.

Kathleen Mancini

Still time to register Area Rally. Go to call Paul Hallagan



*for the Northeast
www.FMCA.com and
to get on board*

July Rally report

17 coaches attended the July rally in Marathon, although unfortunately, the Shaw's had to leave immediately after arrival due to the illness of their dog.

We had a delicious lasagna dinner on Thursday night, homemade cinnamon buns for breakfast and hamburgers for lunch on Friday, Dunkin' Donuts for breakfast, and a wonderful dish to pass dinner on Saturday featuring deep fried turkeys prepared by Fran Stevens and Rich Burrell.

Sunday morning we capped off the eating festival with a breakfast prepared by the Marathon Masons. It sure is hard to follow Weight Watchers and belong to this club!

Many of us attended the Holidays in Homer, Sidewalk Days in Cortland or the antique stores in Marathon. We also enjoyed each other's company for a wonderful weekend.

Charlotte Burrell

President Reports

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Good morning. It is morning here but it is 1:00 P.M. there. We are now in Dawson City, Yukon, a genuine Wild West type town. One paved street and the rest are all dirt. It has rained here every day, so they are all very muddy streets. But I am getting way ahead of myself so let's back up a little.

I believe when I last wrote we were at Yellowstone Park. We have done so much since that time that I think that I am going to skip some time and start at the Calgary Stampede. This was an experience that everyone should have. There were really 3 parts of the Calgary Stampede. There was a parade on July 4, which lasted about 3 hours and was unlike any parade that we have ever attended. There were lots of floats, bands, marching units, and 760 horses. The rodeo was next, on July 5th. Again this was very interesting. On July 6 we went to the entertainment part of the stampede. This was fantastic. The chuck wagon racing was first, very fast, and very dangerous. There was too much to this to try and tell you at this time, so I will leave that until we can tell you about it in person. The other part of the entertainment was a stage show by a group called the Young Canadians. At one time there were between 200 and 300 young people on the stage. Did I tell you that it was raining hard all this time and they also had fireworks going? It was a great show, and we have lots of pictures.

Our travels took us from Dawson Creek, British Columbia, 1150 miles up the Alaska Highway to Whitehorse, Yukon. The roads were not too bad this far. We then took the Klondike Highway another 336 miles to where we are now, in Dawson City, Yukon.

We had some rough roads to get here with gravel and huge pot holes. Tonight we are crossing the Yukon River on a ferry boat (which I am not looking forward to) and starting our first miles on the Top of the World Highway. I am sure that will be another experience for a later time and place. So, if we all survive I will try to write again soon.

Bye for now.

Bill

(You can follow Bill & Kay's trip at www.Onward2Alaska.com ed.)

A Note from the PAST President

Greetings From Alaska!!!!

We are finally in Alaska. Fairbanks as we write this. We really miss you all and hope the rallies are as successful as ever. Sorry that www.onward2alaska.com has fallen behind but WiFi was poor to nonexistent in the Yukon. Maybe we can do better now that we are back in the USA. See you in October.

Elaine and Bart

(You can e-mail Bart at bartonta@gmail.com and he will add you to his webpage updates list ed.)

1st Vice President Reports

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Hi Everyone

Another great rally. First many THANKS to the hosts Rich & Charlotte Burrell and Fran & Sally Stevens .Without rally hosts we would not have the New York Centrals.

Now on to the Northeast rally. We, as the NY Centrals, have volunteered to host Seminars at this rally. This allows us to go in early and to get everyone parked close together and near the festivities.

On Tuesday Aug 5th we all meet at 10:30 a.m. in the holding area at gate B off route15 then we will go in all together. I have the parking passes and will hand them out there. If anyone wants to be there the night before the charge for the holding area will be \$15. Sandy & I will head up on Saturday and find a campground then meet in the holding area on Tuesday.

If someone needs to call us when we are up there Sandy's cell # is 315 761 8449

Now on another note we NEED hosts for the 2009 rally season. Please contact Rich Burrell or me to host a rally or co-host. We need your support to keep the NY Centrals going strong.

Thank your

1st Vice president Paul Hallagan

2nd Vice President Reports

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The Marathon rally was a huge success. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Co -hosting with Fran and Sally was really fun.

On Saturday Fran and I had dueling deep fryers going that turned out 2 good birds. Even the rain showers we had couldn't dampen the comradery.

We look forward to see those going to Essex Junction in August.

Rich

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LAST CALL FOR DUES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

There are 19 member units who have not paid their dues for this year. If you are among that group, you only have this month to send them in. At the end of August, we will be dropping anyone who has not paid.

If you wish to remain an active member of the New York Centrals, please send your check to me at:

Sharon Coldren, 1106 Cloister Court, Liverpool, N.Y. 13090.

Thanks to all who have already paid.

Thank you.
Sharon Coldren

Secretary Reports

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Charlotte Burrell

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It was so nice to see everyone in Marathon. We took pictures of the rally and are planning on e-mailing them to the Barton's and Leach's. We were pleased to welcome our newest members, Caryl and Charlie Rose back to the club, and see their brand new coach!

Charlotte

From the National Director

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We just returned from FMCA's 80th Convention in St. Paul, MN, a trip of 2750 miles. We attended a seminar on parliamentary procedures on Sunday and the Governing Board meeting on Monday which ran from 9 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Representatives from 368 chapters, 72 percent of a possible 513 chapters, attended the meeting.

For the past several years FMCA has been steadily losing members. In addition, FMCA has experienced significant reductions in magazine advertising revenue. Although the FMCA executive board and finance committee focused on measures that can be taken to address these issues, the Governing Board was presented a deficit 2009 budget and a proposed dues increase from \$35 to \$49 annually. Commercial dues would be increased proportionately to the family membership dues.

The proposed budget included revenue from a charge imposed on those members using FMCA's mail forwarding service; some 3000 members currently use this service. Currently FMCA's mail forwarding costs are close to \$300,000 annually for salaries, benefits and special mail handling equipment. The 2009 budget assumes a charge to users that would cover about 1/2 this cost or about \$150,000. The exact cost and process will be developed by staff.

In order to negate the proposed dues increase, Governing Board members proposed various reductions in the budget presented. The first proposal was to eliminate the MEDEX benefit, a free membership benefit costing FMCA over \$500,000 annually. Although used by only 50 people in 2007, this program is a good recruiting tool. This proposal was soundly defeated.

The following were approved:

1	\$105,000	reduced from promotion/marketing items
2	30,000	reduced from winter convention entertainment
3	32,000	reduced from summer convention entertainment
4	25,000	deleted T&L - incoming/outgoing EB
5	38,000	deleted T&L - training/officers
6	24,000	T&L - area visits
7	30,000	T&L - staff
8	180,000	staff reductions due to attrition
9	44,200	corresponding benefits

*T&L is Travel and Living Expenses

Commercial members are also feeling the pinch. As a result many are cutting back on sponsorships and the events they are attending.

The coach count for the convention was 3,078. That figure included 2,437 family coaches, 150 exhibitor live-in coaches, 387 display coaches, and 104 demo units.

As you can see, the proposed dues increase has been eliminated--at least for 2009.

Jean



Welcome New Members

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Make
Friends
Have Fun



Be a
Rally Host

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<u>2008 Rally Schedule</u>		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Hosts</u>
August 7-10, 2008	Northeast Area Rally* Essex Junction, VT	Paul & Sandy Hallagan 315-762-5698 1highwayman@myway.com
August 11 – 15, 2008	Québec 2008* Québec City, Québec, Canada	Bob Mills 514-917-7260 fourwindsbob@gmail.com
Sept 19-21, 2008	Streamside Golf & Campground Pulaski, NY	Paul & Sandy Hallagan 315-762-5698 1highwayman@myway.com
October 2008	Dinner Meeting	
October 7-12 2008	Roamers Campground* Lancaster, PA*	Don & Dianne Daly ddaly3@twcny.rr.com 315-458-5128

* = more information at www.NewYorkCentrals.com



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